(b) if so, what are the main programmes prepared by the m ; and

(c) what are the States where these will be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c) BHEL, Hyerabad, has planed the manufacture of 9 gas base turbo generator sets during 1989-90. These sets would be supplied to different organisations in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Assam.

Experts to assist the Committee in evaluating the performance of Public Sector undertakings

107. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of experts will be assisting the committee in evaluating the performance of public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, whether Bureau of Public Enterprises has drawn up any list of experts;

(c) if so, what is the total number of experts who will be associated with this work; and

(d) to what extent their advice will be accepted by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir; only in evaluating performance of PSUs signing MOUs and on an *Ad-hoc* basis. There is no fixed number of experts on this *Ad-hoc* Task Force. The present number is eighteen.

(d) The Group has already rendered assistance on the drafting of the MOUs for the year 1989-90, whose evaluation will be due only in April-June 1990.Their advice on evaluation will be considered on merits by the High Powered Committee.

Loan to Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board by World Bank

108. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has agreed to provide a loan to the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board for the rehabilitation and renovation of its thermal plants ;

(b) if so, what is the total aid which the World Bank has agreed to provide; and

(c) what are the thermal plants which are being considered for modernisation and the total amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The World Bank have agreed to extend a loan of about Rs. 35 crores for the rehabilitation and renovation of the Korba Thermal Power Station-I (1×10 MW $+ 3 \times 30$ MW), the Amarkantak Thermal Power Station (2×30MW $+ 2 \times 120$ MW) and the Satpura Thermal Power Station ($5 \times 62 \cdot 5$MW) of the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board.

The total estimated cost of the renovation programme of the three thermal stations is about Rs. 177·3 crores.

Setting up of Grass-root Refinery in Malaysia with the help of India

109. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has offered its help for setting up a grassroot refinery in Malaysia;

(b) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent Malaysia will be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Engineers India Ltd. have been prequalified by PETRONAS to bid for project management consultancy services for latter's second refinery at Malaka;

(b) No, Sir;

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Plans to Industrialise the rural areas

110. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National small Industries Corporation Limited has formulated an ambitious plan to industrialise the rural areas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) National Small Industries Corporation's objectives are to assist in promotion and development of Small Scale Industries with special emphasis on industries in the backward and rural areas. The Corporation provides facilities for training manpower, improved tools and equipment, machinery on hire-purchase and leasing terms, marketing assistance and raw material assistance.

पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का आयात

111. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बहुत से देशों से हमारे देश में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का आयात किया जाता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1987-88 और 1988-89 के गत दो वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में अलग-अलग कितनी मात्रा में पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों का आयात किया गया तथा किन-किन देशों से यह आयात किया गया है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि 1987-88 में किए गए आयात की तुलना में 1988-89 के वर्ष में किए गए आयात से कुछ बचत हुई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस लाभ को सीधे उपभोक्ताओं तक पहुंचाया है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त): जी, हां ।

(ख) विभिन्न देशों अर्थात्-सोवियत संघ, बहरीन, सऊदी अरब, आबू धाबी और सिंगापुर आदि से 1987-88 और 1988-89 के दौरान आयात किए गए पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की मात्रा इस प्रकार है : –

(मात्रा : मिलियन टनों में)

	1987-88	1988-89
पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद	3.93	6.38 (अनन्तिम)

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।